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In re Application of :
Prieur-Blanc and Cano :
Application No. 10/068,232 :
Filed: February 6, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. ESSR:062US :
For: METHOD FOR SURFACE :
POLISHING OF AN OPTICAL :
ARTICLE USING A SOLVENT OR A :
MIXTURE OF SOLVENTS :

LETTER

Dear Ms. Prieur-Blanc:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Christina Tartera Donnell at (703) 306-5589. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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DECISION GRANTING
PETITION UNDER
37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a),
filed October 8, 2002 (certificate of mailing October 3,
2002).

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that Aude Prieur-Blanc, the non-signing
inventor, has refused to join in the filing of the above-
identified application after having been presented with the
application papers. Specifically, the Declaration of
Facts of Mark B. Wilson establishes that the inventor was
presented with the application papers, including the
specification, claims and drawings, but failed to respond to
the request that she sign the declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been
reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This
application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice
of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at
the address given in the present petition. Notice of the
filing of this application will also be published in the
Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center
1700 for examination in due course.

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